

West Sechelt Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 5, 2023

ATTENDANCE: In person: Erica M, Amy K, Brandee K, Liz H, Olwen C, Ted C, Mike H

CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Land Acknowledgement
- b. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
- c. Acceptance and additions of tonight's meeting agenda: Brandee, Liz 2nd
- d. Acceptance of December 2023 Minutes – Liz, Mike 2nd

REGULAR REPORTS

Chair Report: Erica M-

Report to be discussed in old and new business.

Community Schools Report: Ted C

1. It is the end of the 1st segment of funding for the Nutrition Program pilot project. Taking the time now to evaluate the program, track expenses. Planning a meeting next Wednesday with WSES staff to discuss the nutrition program and talk about what is working, what isn't and get suggestions on ways to improve the program.
2. Breakfast and snack program at WSES is looking for more volunteers to prep and serve food in the mornings.
3. Community School: School gardens steering committee are advocating for more resources to support school gardens. Hope and plan are to feed students from the school gardens.
4. Grab and Go snacks program are still ago in WSES. Fridges remain stocked and kids are welcome to grab a snack when needed. Plan to move fridge from entry way hallway as it is difficult for office staff to monitor students.

Treasurers Report: Veronica B (absent)

1. PAC bank account balance = \$30,275.18
2. Gaming grant still not received. Veronica and Erica continue to work through this.
3. \$269.19 was raised at the grade 7 sugar bowl.

Principal's Report: Olwen

1. See attached report.

DPAC and PAC Trustee Report: absent

1. See attached report.

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Old Business

1. Fresh to You Bundles
 - a. \$600.00 raised for PAC.
 - b. Delivery day and pick up went well.
2. Growing Smiles Fundraiser
 - a. Approx. \$400.00 raised for PAC.
 - b. Delivery day and pick up went well with a few extras left over.
3. Book Bingo
 - a. Active right now
 - b. Draw is tomorrow December 6, 2023 (grades K-3 & 4-7).

New Business

1. **PAC Pancake Breakfast – December 20, 2023**
 - a. Plan for 0730 start for food prep and set up. 0900-1100 serve. 1100-1200 clean up
 - b. Amy to ask Independent Grocer for fruit donations to serve at the breakfast.
 - c. Will request that students bring plates and cutlery to reduce waste.
2. **Hot Lunch Update – Lana (absent)**
 1. Hot lunch continues to be successful with a lot of orders.
 2. Always looking for more volunteers

Spending Approvals

1. **PAC Pancake Breakfast: Request for PAC to spend money on PAC pancake breakfast.**
Brandee made a motion for PAC to spend up to \$450.00 on groceries and supplies for the pancake breakfast that is planned for December 20, 2023. 2nd by Mike. Motion carried.
2. **Mr and Mrs. Allen – Div 4&5 are requesting \$20.00/child for Science World field trip.**
Mike made a motion for PAC to donate \$530.00 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen's class for their class field trip to Science World. 2nd by Liz. Motion carried.
3. **Ms. Mcord – Div 9 – request for money to purchase garden boxes for her class.** Liz made a motion for PAC to spend up to \$600.00 on oval, raised garden boxes for Ms. McCords class project. 2nd by Mike. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:42 pm.

Next Meeting- February 6, 2023, at 6:30 pm



WEST SEHEL T ELEMENTARY

A Vibrant Learning Community

December 5, 2023 Principal's Report – Olwen Cowan

November chugged along nicely and we had a lovely student run Remembrance Day Assembly that was very touching. We also had a secret agent day on Tuesday, Nov. 28th – this saw all the primaries meet in gym and the intermediates as well. Students cracked codes, disguised orcas and did escape rooms and obstacle courses. It was a really fun way for me to get my school wide event that I need and crave and a time for teachers to collaborate!

Currently the Scholastic Book Fair is here along with your Book Bingo

On December 12th – 13th we will be having a winter market – please bring in donations! From now until December 18th we are collecting cozy items of NEWsocks, mittens, and toques for the homeless shelter.

The last week before the break is very busy:

Elf Day is on Monday the 18th

Classes will be making gingerbread houses throughout the week.

Looking forward to PAC-Pancakes on the 20th

We will be having an optional PJ Day on the last day of school before winter break – the 22nd.

In lieu of a winter concert, we will be having a Spring Fine Arts Showcase a couple of weeks after Spring Break. This will be a time to celebrate all the wonderful fine arts our learners have been involved in. There will be music, singing, art, and drama. We will be focused on the curriculum's big idea of "creative expression as a means to explore and share one's identity within a community".

Looking ahead to January – we will be having literacy week during the last week and will be planning lots of juicy school and family based events.

Learning updates (formerly known as Report Cards) will be coming home to you on December 8th. A reminder to log into spaces if your child's teacher is using that for descriptive feedback.

The next round of communicating student learning after the 8th is on Feb. 19th - 23rd: Spaces Post - goal setting and student self-assessment; Mar. 6th-7th: Parent-Teacher Conferences; Apr. 19th: Written Learning Update; May 13th-17th: Spaces Post - goal setting and student self-assessment; June 27th: Written Summary of Learning

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

TRUSTEES REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

Submitted by Vice-Chair Stacia Leech
December 4, 2023

By-election

General voting day for the 2023 School Trustee By-election Trustee Area 1 (Upper) is Saturday December 9 at the Pender Harbour Community School, 5012 Gonzales Rd, Madeira Park and Coopers Green Hall, 5500 Fisherman Road, Halfmoon Bay, 8 am to 8 pm. Visit our website for more information. <https://sd46.bc.ca/2023-school-trustee-by-election/>

Calling all drivers

Our SD46 school bus provider, Diversified Transportation, is looking for dedicated and responsible individuals to join the team as School Bus Drivers. Comprehensive training is provided, the hours are flexible and the wages are competitive and include benefits. Further information can be found at <https://www.diversifiedbus.ca/careers/>

BCSTA 2023 Trustees Academy

From November 23 to 25, Trustees, staff and our Student Trustee, Cael Read, attended the BCSTA Trustee Academy. The theme was "Guiding a Healing Journey"; the presentations and events offered learning opportunities and to re-connect with our regional colleagues. The learning supported Trustees in our strategic planning and our mission to enhance student success and achievement. Of particular interest to the trustees and staff of the Sunshine Coast School District, was the talk by Kevin Lamoureux. Our school district has been guided by Mr. Lamoureux's work for some years now through the Ensouling Our Schools framework. It was an inspiring and moving talk. You can view more of Kevin Lamoureux's talks through the Ted X channel. <https://tedxsurrey.ca/tedx-2022/>

Strategic Planning Process

Our strategic plan process is proceeding well. We now have the final wording of our Vision and Mission statements. The next step will be to write the operations/implementation plan based on our mission and goal. Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the survey regarding our foundation statements and to DPAC for their input and feedback.

VISION A thriving and inclusive community of lifelong learners.

MISSION Nurturing each learner's academic, physical, social, and emotional growth, inspiring joy in learning and strengthening their sense of personal and cultural identity, dignity and purpose for their lifelong journey.

Housing Action Table Report

Trustee Ann Skelcher is appointed to this planning table. Trustee Skelcher reports that one of the HAT priority areas identifies a clear and urgent need for workforce housing. A local intergovernmental working group involving elected officials, OCP committees, community associations, and non-profit boards has been formed, they meet again in January 2024. Collaborative efforts will be needed to address the urgent workforce housing needs in our community. Trustee Skelcher's report can be read as part of the Nov 28 Committee of the Whole agenda: <https://sd46.diligent.community/document/13513/>

Budget Consultation and Process

Preliminary budget discussion will continue at future Operations Committee meetings.

Land Acknowledgements

If you have attended our regular meetings in the past you will know that we place great importance on Land acknowledgements. They are a recognition of the profound connection between land and First People. The web-based app "Whose Land" is a great resource, to learn about location, acknowledgement, treaties, history, residential schools and more: <https://www.whose.land/en/>

The Sunshine Coast Board of Education wishes you all a restful winter holiday break.

Next Public Board Meeting

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings. The next public Board Meeting will take place on **December 13, 2023** at **7:00 p.m.** Meetings are held in person at the School Board Office, 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons and live streamed to YouTube.

- Link to Board meeting schedule: [Schedule of Meetings](#)
- Link to SD46 YouTube live stream: [SD46 YouTube Live Stream](#)

Board Committee meetings are scheduled for **December 19, 2023** at the School Board Office.